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In re Application of Joachim Bug et al.																						
Application Number 10/049,442		Filed February 12, 2002																				
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